

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A catheter package packaging a catheter comprising a catheter body having a distal portion and a proximal portion, a tube wall defining a lumen passing through from the distal portion to the proximal portion and a metal reinforce member embedded in the tube wall, and a connector part fixed to the proximal portion of the catheter body, wherein the catheter package holds the distal portion of the catheter of 10 to 50 cm in length in a natural state with no external force exerted thereon, and the catheter package holds the remaining proximal side of the catheter in a curled state with a curvature diameter of 10 to 50 cm,

wherein the catheter is ~~highly susceptible to plastic deformation and maintains a predetermined curved shape in the natural state at the distal portion~~ held astride over two trays of the catheter package, the two trays being integrated with each other by at least one fixing member, and wherein the at least one fixing member is slidably fitted over sidewalls of the two trays.

2. (Original) A catheter package as set forth in claim 1, wherein the catheter is an angiography catheter or a PTCA guiding catheter.

3. (Original) A catheter package as set forth in claim 2, wherein the reinforcement member is a stainless steel wire material.

4-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A catheter packaged in a catheter package, the catheter package comprising two trays, each tray comprising a bottom and upstanding sidewalls, the catheter comprising a catheter body having a distal portion and a proximal portion, a tube wall defining a lumen passing through from the distal portion to the proximal portion and a metal reinforce member embedded in the tube wall, and a connector part fixed to the proximal portion of the catheter body, wherein the catheter package holds the distal portion of the catheter of 10 to 50 cm in length in a natural state with no external force exerted thereon, and the catheter package holds the remaining proximal side of the catheter in a curled state with a curvature diameter of 10 to 50 cm,

wherein the catheter is ~~highly susceptible to plastic deformation and maintains a predetermined curved shape in the natural state at the distal portion~~ held astride over the two trays, the two trays being integrated with each other by at least one fixing member, and wherein the at least one fixing member is slidably fitted over the sidewalls of the two trays.

11. (Previously Presented) The catheter of Claim 10, wherein the catheter package comprises a plurality of independent trays, an upstanding sidewall of one of the plurality of trays being in back-to-back relationship with an upstanding sidewall of an other of the plurality of trays.

12. (Previously Presented) The catheter of Claim 11, wherein a cutout extends through the back-to-back upstanding sidewalls, a portion of the catheter being positioned in the cutout.